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SUBJECT: MONTHLY TRAVEL REPORT JUNE 1984

1. (C-ENTIRE TEXT)

2. SOVIET EMBASSY TRAVEL

REQUESTS	44
AMENDMENTS	4
TRAVELLERS	
-- EMPLOYEES	137
-- DEPENDENTS	159
TIME EXCEPTIONS	
-- REQUESTED	2
-- GRANTED	2
CLOSED AREA EXCEPTIONS	
-- REQUESTED	0
-- GRANTED	0
NOT REGISTERED	1

3. TRAVEL OF NOTE DURING JUNE INCLUDED A TRIP BY THREE TRADE REP PEOPLE TO SMALL-TOWN OKLAHOMA (DUNCAN, WALTERS, FREDERICK, ROCKY, WATONGA, KINGFISHER, ENID, AND TULSA) AS GUESTS OF THE OKLAHOMA WHEAT COMMISSION; TWO TRADE REP TRIPS TO MILWAUKEE; AN AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYEE TO OMAHA AND IMPERIAL, NEBRASKA; AND A BOONDOGGLE BY TRAVEL OFFICE [redacted] TO SAN FRANCISCO TO ESCORT A TDY EMPLOYEE BACK TO WASHINGTON. B1, A3

4. THE BIGGEST FRACAS OF THE MONTH WAS CONNECTED WITH SOVIET EFFORTS TO DELIVER A NEW BUS FOR THE USE OF THEIR EMBASSY. THE BUS WAS BUILT IN A CLOSED AREA IN SOUTH DAKOTA, AND THE SOVIETS ARRANGED TO HAVE THE COMPANY DELIVER IT IN MINNESOTA. THE EMBASSY FILED A TRAVEL NOTE FOR THREE EMBOFFS TO TRAVEL TO MINNESOTA, PICK UP THE BUS, AND RETURN IT TO WASHINGTON BY AN EXTREMELY CIRCUITOUS ROUTE. WE REFUSED THE TRAVEL REQUEST FOR THREE REASONS: (1) IT AMOUNTED TO A DE FACTO PREPOSITIONING OF A VEHICLE; (2) THE SOVIETS REFUSE TO PERMIT U.S. PERSONNEL TO DRIVE UNLICENSED VEHICLES INSIDE THE USSR EXCEPT IN IMMEDIATE TRANSIT FROM ABROAD; AND (3) THE ROUTE TO BE TAKEN BY THE BUS SUGGESTED THAT THERE WERE OTHER PURPOSES TO ITS ITINERARY. THE SOVIETS REACTED VERY STRONGLY TO OUR DENIAL, COMPLAINING [redacted] AND OTHERS, THREATENING TO BRING UP THE MATTER AT THE B1, A5

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SHULTZ-DOBRYNIN LEVEL, AND PROMISING SEVERE RETALIATION IF WE DION'T CAVE. EVENTUALLY, WHEN THEY HAD ESTABLISHED THAT WE WERE NOT GOING TO OFFER ANY CONCESSIONS, THEY GOT DOWN TO BUSINESS WITH OFM ON ALTERNATE MEANS OF DELIVERY. AFTER THE SOVIETS DECLINED OFM'S OFFER TO HIRE A DRIVE-AWAY SERVICE (LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY DAMAGES WAS THE STICKING POINT), THEY EVENTUALLY GOT THE MANUFACTURER TO RE-WRITE THE SALES CONTRACT [illegible] AND THE BUS WAS FINALLY DELIVERED. (FYI: OFM WAS PREPARED TO DELIVER THE BUS AT A COST [illegible] LESS THAN THE COST OF SENDING THREE EMBOFFS OUT TO DRIVE IT BACK.)

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5. CONGEN SAN FRANCISCO TRAVEL

REQUESTS	7
AMENDMENTS	0
TRAVELLERS	
-- EMPLOYEES	7
-- DEPENDENTS	5
TIME EXCEPTIONS	
-- REQUESTED	0
-- GRANTED	0
CLOSED AREA EXCEPTIONS	
-- REQUESTED	2
-- GRANTED	0
NOT REGISTERED	0
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6. MOST SAN FRANCISCO TRAVEL WAS AGAIN TO LOS ANGELES OR OUT-OF-COUNTRY. TWO CLOSED AREA EXCEPTIONS WERE DENIED FOR TRAVEL TO CLOSED PORTIONS OF OAKLAND.

7. CORRESPONDENTS SUBMITTED 12 REQUESTS FOR 14 EMPLOYEES AND 11 DEPENDENTS. TWO CLOSED AREA EXCEPTIONS WERE REQUESTED, BOTH IN SAN FRANCISCO. ONE WAS IN CONNECTION WITH CONGEN TRAVEL. THE OTHER WAS APPROVED (UNDER SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES) TO VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON. INTOURIST SUBMITTED 5 REQUESTS, ALL ROUTINE. DAM

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